

TWENTY-SIX YEARS.

DECATUR, ILLINOIS, FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1906.

BANKERS LIFE
IN BAD WAYOld Officers Get Out to Give
New Ones a Chance
to Build Up.

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Call of Shareholders. The shareholders of the Bankers Life Insurance Company have been called to a meeting to discuss the company's financial condition. The meeting is expected to be held in the near future, and it is believed that the shareholders will be asked to take action to restore the company's depleted funds.

DEMOCRATS NAME
JUDGE FARMER

Democrat At Penn. Choice Him as Candidate for Supreme Bench. Harrisburg, Pa., March 1.—The supreme court of Pennsylvania has been called to order for the purpose of selecting a candidate for the supreme bench. The democrats have named Judge Farmer as their candidate, and it is believed that he will be elected to the position.

MIZNER AS SLEUTH

Is Keeping His Eye on Friends Who Make Him Trouble. New York, March 1.—William Mizner, a prominent figure in the New York underworld, is reported to be keeping a close watch on his friends and associates. Mizner is believed to be involved in a number of criminal activities, and it is believed that he is keeping a close watch on his friends and associates to ensure that they do not betray him.

MCCURDY GOES ABROAD.

Former President of Mutual Life and Son-in-Law Sail for Europe. New York, March 1.—Richard A. McCurdy, former president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, is reported to be sailing for Europe. McCurdy is believed to be on a business trip, and it is believed that he will be away from the United States for a number of months.

ONE OF TWO THINGS
BANKERS TO CONFER
WITH ROOSEVELTCongress Must Regulate
Railways or It Will Be
Government Ownership.

Washington, March 1.—The discussion of the railroad rate question by the senate was continued today by Mr. Delivered, who spoke in support of the Delivered-Hepburn bill. He said the bill was intended merely to supplement the existing interstate commerce law and contended for its validity from a constitutional point of view, predicting government ownership of railroads would be forced upon the country if congress did not meet the present demand for regulation.

Thirty Men Drown. Hagerman, N. Y., March 1.—Thirty men drowned last night by a wreck of the Norwegian coasting steamer, Thor. The vessel's cable broke during a hurricane and she was blown ashore and sunk.

CENTRAL IS ACCUSED.

Of Discriminating in Favor of Foreign Munitions. Pittsburgh, Pa., March 1.—One of the cases that will be argued before the interstate commerce commission March 3 will be that of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass company against the Illinois Central railroad, in which the former charges the latter with discrimination in freight rates. The company charges that while competitors are able to deliver plate glass in Chicago from Amberg, Belgium, for 12 per cent. less than the Illinois Central charges them 60 per cent. more for the same glass from Chicago to Chicago.

SPRINGFIELD MOB CRAZED

Attempted Outbreak Last
Night Quickly Quelled—
Soldier Hurt.

Springfield, Ill., March 1.—After a day of quiet from the mob which has been away for two nights, this evening was shattered with indications that more demonstrations against the colored population had been planned for tonight. Troops were sent to the point of expected attack, one house was fired, but troops sent in the alarm and the structure was only slightly damaged.

HENSON LOSES
LINCOLN JOB

Carpenter Is Ousted by Civil Service Board—Taylor Censured. Springfield, March 1.—The state civil service commission today made public decision today which was made public today, and thereby discharged Joseph Henson of Bloomington, carpenter at the home for the feeble minded at Lincoln. The report also censured Superintendent Taylor, Henson's discharge came about through charges of insubordination.

RAISE \$84,000

Students Volunteer Conference Produce a Big Sum. Nashville, Tenn., March 1.—In fifteen minutes' time tonight the convention of the student volunteer movement contributed \$84,000 to the prosecution of the work during the next four years.

COLORADO BLIZZARD

Cold Wave Extends as Far South as New Mexico.

Denver, Colo., March 1.—A blizzard swept down from Wyoming today and a report from the southern part of New Mexico shows that the storm has progressed that far tonight. A high wind drove hot-like snow into drifts, causing considerable trouble to railroads.

ONE ROBBER SHOT.

During a Battle Between Detectives and Bank Thieves.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 1.—In a duel between three railroad detectives and three men caught stealing brass journals from freight cars in the yards of the Lake Shore railroad tonight, one of the alleged thieves who gave his name as Frank Smith of this city was fatally shot in the back.

NEW PRESIDENT.

Rio Janeiro, March 1.—Dr. Alfonso Moreira Penna, vice president of the republic, was today elected president.

PALMA RESCUES MORGAN

Great Display Made Over
New Minister's Presentation
of Credentials.

Havana, March 1.—Edwin V. Morgan, the new American minister to Cuba, presented his credentials today. The arrival and departure of the minister at the palace were watched with interest by a big crowd of Cubans and Americans. He was escorted to the palace by the president's military aide and a troop of mounted rural guards.

TRYING TO AVERT STRIKE

President Will Urge Big Operators to Meet Men
Halfway.

New York, March 1.—President George B. Baer of the Reading railroad left Philadelphia this morning to confer with President Roosevelt on the anthracite strike situation. It is believed that Baer went to Washington at the request of the president who is anxious to avert a strike in the hard coal field. Baer will acquaint the president with the demands made by the miners and will outline to the chief executive the situation in the anthracite region from the operators' point of view.

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KENNEY BANK ROBBERY

People's Bank robbed by five men. About \$800 in currency was stolen. Robbers did not get \$2,500 more. Safe and vault badly wrecked by explosives. Valuable papers were torn and scattered by explosives. Losses of money and damage fully covered by insurance. Owners of Bank Judge Ingham and Richard Snell of Clinton. The citizens witnessed robbery but were helpless to interfere.



One of the owners of the looted bank JUDGE INGHAM

The robbery took place at the Kenney Bank in Springfield, Ohio, on Thursday night, Feb. 27. The robbers, a gang of five desperadoes, entered the bank and looted the vault. They were seen by three witnesses, but were unable to interfere. The robbers were armed with pistols and dynamite. They blew open the safe and took away \$800 in currency. They also took away \$2,500 in gold and silver. The safe and vault were badly wrecked by the explosives. Valuable papers were torn and scattered by the explosives. The losses of money and damage were fully covered by insurance. The owners of the bank, Judge Ingham and Richard Snell of Clinton, are now recovering from the robbery. The citizens of Springfield witnessed the robbery but were helpless to interfere.

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SCENES AT WRECKED KENNEY BANK



Above shows the exterior of the bank, valuable paper and debris and the broken safe in the vault.

RACE WAR AT SPRINGFIELD OHIO

Mob Attacks Section Known as "The Jungles," Occupied by Negroes.

FIRE HOUSES; LOOT SALOON

Trouble Starts Over Shooting of M. M. Davis by Negro—Troops Out.

ON SCENE
The race war in Springfield, Ohio, began on Thursday night, Feb. 27. A mob of white men attacked a section of the city known as "The Jungles," which was occupied by Negroes. The mob set fire to several houses and looted a saloon. The shooting of M. M. Davis by a Negro started the trouble. Troops were sent out to maintain order.

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PRINCE EDWARD HAS "ENOUGH"

Kaiser's Second Son Weds the Duchess Sophie of Oldenburg.

The wedding of Prince Edward, the second son of the Kaiser, and the Duchess Sophie of Oldenburg, took place in Berlin on Thursday, Feb. 27. The ceremony was a grand affair, attended by many guests. The bride and groom were married in a ceremony that was described as "enough" by the press.

THE GERMANS OF BOSTON

Celebrate the Kaiser's Silver Wedding and Are for Closer Relations.

The Germans of Boston celebrated the Kaiser's silver wedding on Thursday, Feb. 27. They held a large gathering at the Hotel Marlborough. The celebration was a grand affair, attended by many guests. The Germans of Boston are for closer relations with Germany.

INCENDIARY AT WORK

An attempt was made to burn the Louisiana Industrial School on Thursday, Feb. 27. The school was set on fire by an incendiary. The fire was quickly extinguished, but the school was damaged. The Louisiana Industrial School is a school for the blind in Shreveport, La.

PEORIA GETS SPORTY

Knock Out Fights Are Regular Thing There Now.

Peoria, Ill., is getting sporty. Knock out fights are now a regular thing there. The fights are held at the Peoria Athletic Club. The fights are described as "sporty" by the press.

KILLED WIFE AND SELF

Horrible Crime of Will Arnold, Formerly of Rock Island.

Will Arnold, formerly of Rock Island, Ill., killed his wife and himself on Thursday, Feb. 27. The crime was described as "horrible" by the press. Arnold was a man who had been in the army. He was found dead in his home.

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IOWA HANGS BACK.

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W. R. McGaughey has been elected captain of the Millikin baseball team for the coming season. McGaughey is a student at Millikin University. He has a vocabulary of 30,000 words. McGaughey is a very good player. He is expected to lead the team to a championship.

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The crowd behind Senator Knox have the rocks, but the thing they can't lead off are the knicks.

Now Longworth plays the violin, but that's no particular credit to him. Mayor Schmitz, for instance, is also a fiddler.

There is trouble now between the horse owners and the management at Ascot. When sports fall out maybe the suckers will get their due.

But John is reported to have a fine baritone voice for singing. There doesn't seem to be anything the matter with his speaking voice, either.

Senator Knox is one of the oldest men in America, but he can never become President of the United States with a Standard Oil can tied to him.

We can see no possible way by which Longworth can dodge when he comes home to his wife. Miss Henshaw, among her wedding presents, ten watches and forty-eight clocks.

Perhaps the only reason why the Standard Oil company is bombing Philander Knox is that it wants to see how it feels to have a president of its own, in the place where George Washington once sat.

A man's good character saved him from the penitentiary yesterday in Los Angeles. So it seems that it is still worth while to have a good character, although it is not considered necessary in all circles.

The Ways and Means Committee of Congress is being told that more alcohol is needed in this country for use in the fine arts. Maybe it would drink less of the woody stuff the arts might be better served.

Mr. Quinn says it takes more than a Prince Albert coat and a carnation in the buttonhole to make a labor leader. Hundreds of them are made from the same thing with which Samson slew the Philistines.

The dispatches state that the speech of King Edward at the opening of Parliament "contained no surprises." It would have been a surprise if it did.

A French woman named Sore recently beat the bank at Monte Carlo to the tune of \$12,000 in one evening. She must have made the bank feel like her name.

Having paired himself in a matrimonial way, Longworth during the honeymoon Nick Longworth will also be paired in congress on all the important roll calls.

John McCall died of worry. "Buffalo Bill" is going the same road, and thousands of Americans are doing likewise every day in the year. What's the use?

St. William Joseph Greene, who was a writer and an actor and also had the blood of five Irish kings in his veins, but who, notwithstanding all that, is now dead, spent most of the latter part of his life with his dogs. As he neared the end of the journey he wanted around him only such friends as would not deceive him.

Wisconsin, according to a judge of the supreme court of that state, is not satisfied with the liberal reformatory methods. The judge announced that, if the crimes of murder, rape and highway robbery continue to increase in the present rate the people of the state will demand the re-enactment of capital punishment, and continuing said that Wisconsin has offered every inducement for criminals and weak-minded men to mend their ways and had been as liberal as consistent with the safety of its citizens, but that the present methods had failed. Such methods will always fail with those who are by nature weak and vicious. The only persons capable of reformation are the well disposed who through some cause go wrong. Sympathy is wasted on the habitual criminal.

The first person connected with the administration of the civil service rules and laws officially who ever visited Decatur officially, called at the Decatur postoffice Wednesday. He was Milton M. Dearing, secretary of the Ninth Civil Service District with headquarters at St. Louis. His visit was for the purpose of becoming acquainted with the postoffice and the local civil service board. Mr. Dearing is a young man who understands his duties and is trying to find out the weak points in the application of the civil service rules, in order to put the people next to the senators and representatives who have

the system which is a move in the right direction. For some reason there are but few people who have taken pains to learn anything about the system.

THE STATEHOOD CRISIS.
It is likely a vote will be reached in the senate on the joint statehood bill. This bill, which passed the house, provides for the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one state and New Mexico and Arizona as the state.

There seems to be little if any objection in the senate to the union of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as a state but those best informed predict that the New Mexico and Arizona feature of the bill is in a critical state. This impression is that the objections are based upon unworthy reasons because there is no valid reason that applies to the joint statehood of Arizona and New Mexico that would not apply to Oklahoma and Indian Territory. In fact the difference in population in favor of the latter is beyond question, a better reason to admit the two as separate states than any reason advanced why Arizona and New Mexico should be admitted as separate states.

And when the character of the population is considered Oklahoma and Indian Territory so far outranks the others that they are not in the same class. Senator Foraker is the man who is standing for separate statehood for Arizona and New Mexico and there are those who say the senator is not disinterested in these territories but is in the other two.

LOCK CANAL FAVORED.
The president's recommendation sent to congress in a special communication, favoring the construction of the Panama canal on the lock system, is in accord with his views expressed a short time after the report of the board of consulting engineers. A majority of that board, it will be remembered, favored the construction of a sea-level canal. Some surprise has been felt that the president should advocate a lock canal after the international board of engineering experts had pronounced in favor of the sea-level plan. But the president gives some very good reasons for his decision, notwithstanding the expert opinion in favor of the other plan.

"When factors differ, who shall agree?" The board of consulting engineers and the international canal commission were divided in their opinions. The majority of the board of consulting engineers, eight in number, including the five foreign engineers, favored a canal on the sea-level, and one member of the canal commission joined in that recommendation. On the other hand, five of the eight American members of the board of consulting engineers, and five members of the canal commission, favored the lock canal, as does Chief Engineer Stevens, the secretary of war also concurs in this opinion. The majority of expert American opinion favors the lock canal, giving the president an ample support in his stand.

Beyond all reasonable doubt, a broad sea-level waterway, deep enough and spacious enough to accommodate the world-commerce that would pass through it, would be the ideal solution of the Panama problem. Equally beyond a doubt, such a waterway could be constructed. As one noted engineer has said, it would only be necessary to "dig, dig, dig" in order to complete such a waterway in due course of time. But there are other points to be considered. It is estimated that a lock canal can be completed, on an eighty-foot level, or thereabouts, in about half the time, and at not more than half the cost, of a sea-level canal. To construct the latter it would literally be necessary to remove a mountain, compared to which the excavations for the lock canal would be like the removal of a molehill.

Whether the president's recommendations will be adopted by congress is problematical. The fact is not to be concealed that there is much opposition in congress—particularly in the senate—to the construction of any kind of a canal across the isthmus of Panama. This opposition may seize upon the president's recommendation for a lock canal as an available pretext for further controversy and delay.

If persistent "knocking" and constant lobbying could have killed the Panama canal project, it would have been dead ere this. But this great undertaking is not to be strangled by any sort of opposition. The American people have determined that a waterway across the isthmus shall be built, and it will be built. The sooner it is finished the better for us all. More important than the type of canal, is the hastening of the work. If it be true that a lock canal can be constructed in half the time that will be required to dig a sea-level canal, by all means let us have the lock canal, as the president proposes.

WEIGHING THE MAIL.
An investigation by a committee of the house has brought out the fact that the government has no check on the weighing of the mails, although annually it pays \$10,000,000 a year for transporting the mails by rail and \$5,000,000 for postal cars. The mails are weighed once in four years and the compensation for the next four years is based on the result, the second assistant postmaster general calculating the pay on the basis of mileage. The weighing over the whole country does not occur at the same time. It may occur in Iowa one month and in Illinois the next. The railway company knows when it is to occur and it is related that committee clerks in congress have been employed to induce senators and representatives to send public documents into their districts at particular times, in order to put the people next to the senators and representatives who have

ing unaware that at such times the weighing of the mails was in progress in their districts. The auditor of the postoffice department is now asking for such authority as will enable him to check the weighing of the mails and detect padding and there is no apparent reason why he should not have it.

THOSE TILMAN REPUBLICANS.
Those republican senators on the interstate commerce committee who, through the votes of the democratic members of the committee designated senator Tillman to report the rate bill to the senate for the purpose of humiliating Senator Dilliver, who prevented them from amending the bill in the committee, have perhaps done a bad job for themselves. Those senators are well known opponents of a fair and effective rate bill. They are known to be opposed to what the president wishes in this regard and which he received in the bill which passed the house. Senators Dilliver, Clapp and Callum are the only republican members of the senate committee who favor the house bill. Callum being absent to regain his physical strength the fight before the committee devolved upon Dilliver. The anti-rate bill senators sought by every means in their power to amend the bill so as to make it nugatory. They even persisted in circulating the report that the president had yielded and was willing that an amendment, such as they wished, should be incorporated in the bill. Dilliver, however, stood firm and with the votes of the democrats on the committee and the vote of Callum by physical strength the fight before the committee defeated those amendments and ordered the bill reported favorably to the senate just as it came from the house. Smiling under the defeat the anti-rate senators gave the president and Dilliver a slap by selecting Tillman to present the bill to the senate, which means that he will have charge of the bill in that body. They also had in mind that if Tillman were designated to father the measure they could arouse the prejudice of republican senators and defeat or amend the bill.

This was all very well planned, but unfortunately for them the unexpected happened. Neither the president nor Dilliver nor Tillman danced to their music, instead of accepting the action as in any way reflecting on them both the president and Dilliver expressed the greatest satisfaction over the result and with the position Tillman occupies, the president going so far as to say that the bill was in the hands of an honest man. This gives Tillman good backing to start on. Tillman, expected to fail, has stated that while the bill was reported out as the result of the solid, democratic vote in the committee he did not regard it as a democratic measure and would not support it as such because both democrats and republicans voted for it in the house and the president favors it. This was so unlike Tillman that the schemers were completely disarmed and will have Dilliver, Callum and Tillman and the president to reckon with in the consideration of the bill in the senate. It is quite evident that Senator Elkins and his colleagues have overreached themselves and will be unable to do anything in the senate to emasculate or defeat the bill. They are completely unmasked and their future war on the bill will have to be open. If this be true they will be engaged in a losing fight because other senators who might vote with them on subterfuges will not dare to do so openly. The situation now seems to be such as to insure the passage of the bill in the senate.

FORCE IN GOVERNMENT.
Secretary of War Taft said some things relative to the need of an army which needed to be said but which we fear will fall upon headless ears. For some reason Americans have never cared to spend much money on an army in time of peace. Sometimes they have even refused to do anything towards maintaining a navy. Secretary Taft declared that the need of an army is threefold, (1) as essential to any satisfactory system of national defense, (2) as an indispensable instrument for carrying out our established international policy and (3) the suppression of insurrection and civil strife. This last the secretary designated as the least important function.

Mr. Taft denounced the policy hitherto pursued by this country as absurd. Addressing himself to several popular misconceptions as to the need of an army in time of peace the secretary of war said:

"An army is not to look at; an army is not for ceremony; an army is not a mere symbol of future power to be developed. If there were no possibility of war, if we could be guaranteed a continuous peace, the army should be disbanded and its great cost to the government should cease.

"But it is because peace cannot be guaranteed, it is because we must secure peace by being ready for war, that we have an army; and therefore the army is not to be looked at—it is to make war. Now if an army is to make war, if that is the sole ground for its maintenance, then does it not seem a mere truism that the expenditure should be adapted to make it useful in war?"

"Of course, no one desires war. War is hell and should be avoided, not at all cost, but by making every honorable concession possible to escape its disastrous consequences. But the conditions which surround national life as between nations have not reached a point in the progress of civilization when war and fear of war do not play a large part in determining the policies of governments. The voice of the United States in favor of international justice is much more weighty when it is known to have a good navy and good army to enforce its views and defend its rights.

We cannot see where there can be any escape from this logic. Force is

still a mighty factor in government. No one can tell the day nor the hour when it must be resorted to. It is resorted to in small ways before the eyes of us all day in and day out.

The secretary pointed out that our past experience which is always referred to as an excuse for neglect of the army argued nothing. The Grand Army of the Republic became an army of veterans at fearful cost. Moreover the force that army put down was formed in like manner. Both the federal and confederate governments had to forge their armies from civil life, "while," as Mr. Taft said, "in any foreign war we might have, our troops would have to encounter at once a trained and disciplined force." That significant fact is always ignored.

The secretary's speech will not be popular. We do not think his recommendations will be needed. The people would punish congress if they were needed. Nevertheless, all that the secretary said is founded on reason—and some day we may find how mistaken and foolish our policy has been. Had we engaged a first class power instead of Spain in 1898 we should have learned several things then—not gratifying to our pride and self assurance.

HOW THEY DO IT IN SITKA.
The editor of The Herald is indebted to General William L. Distin, surveyor general and secretary of Alaska, for headquarters in Sitka, for a copy of the "Sitka Telegram." Among the news of interest published in the paper is an account of a war over matters connected with the high school and the school board. This, it appears, is all due to a woman who has charge of the high school. Whether the woman is to blame or not is not apparent in the account. The directors disagreed on this point. One of them resigned because he failed to get the other two to see it his way. His resignation is evidently a sample of how they do such things in Sitka. It follows:

"Sitka, Jan. 27, 1906.—To the School Board: In view of the peculiar and inharmenous conditions among the patrons of the high school (most of which existed prior to the organization of the school board), I have determined to transmit to you my resignation.

"Therefore, for value received, I transfer, assign and set over to you and my successor in office, all my right, title and interest in and to the school, including the school building, the school grounds, the school furniture, the school books, the school supplies, the school money, the school property, the school debts, the school liabilities, the school obligations, the school contracts, the school agreements, the school promises, the school covenants, the school conditions, the school terms, the school regulations, the school rules, the school bylaws, the school constitution, the school charter, the school license, the school permit, the school certificate, the school diploma, the school degree, the school honor, the school glory, the school fame, the school reputation, the school credit, the school standing, the school position, the school rank, the school grade, the school class, the school order, the school procession, the school parade, the school festival, the school 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OPERATORS HAVE WARM MEETING

Many Are Opposed to Granting Restoration of Old Scale.

IMPASSIONED SPEECHES

Mark The Gathering of Coal Barons From Many States.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 28.—The operators of the coal mines in this state met today at a conference in the city of St. Louis. The meeting was held in the city of St. Louis, Mo., and was attended by a large number of the operators of the coal mines in this state. The meeting was held in the city of St. Louis, Mo., and was attended by a large number of the operators of the coal mines in this state. The meeting was held in the city of St. Louis, Mo., and was attended by a large number of the operators of the coal mines in this state.

A WEDDING AT ARGENTA

George A. White of Monticello Claims as Bride, Miss Bertha Betz.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 28.—A wedding was celebrated today at Argenta, Mo., between George A. White of Monticello and Miss Bertha Betz. The wedding was celebrated today at Argenta, Mo., between George A. White of Monticello and Miss Bertha Betz. The wedding was celebrated today at Argenta, Mo., between George A. White of Monticello and Miss Bertha Betz.

Dainty Foods Demand It

IN EVERY Receipt that calls for cream of tartar, soda, or baking powder, use the Royal Baking Powder. Better results will be obtained because of the absolute purity and great leavening strength of the Royal. It will make the food lighter, sweeter, of finer flavor, more digestible and wholesome. It is always reliable and uniform in its work.

Alum and phosphate baking powders—some of them sold at the same price and some of them cheaper—will make neither dainty nor wholesome food.

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AT HIGH NOON

Morrisonville Couple Come to Decatur To Marry

MARRIED AT DALTON CITY

Frank Burns and Miss Rose Carroll Take the Vows

Volcano Still Active

Island of Savii, Richest of German Possession, Is In Ruins.

Tubulu, Samoa, Feb. 28.—The volcano on the island of Savii, the richest of the German possessions in Samoa, is still active and the island is in ruins.

GETS A BETTER JOB

Major Gillette Resigns from Navy to Accept Civic Position.

Philadelphia, Feb. 28.—Having been unable to obtain from the navy a permanent position, Major Gillette has resigned from the navy to accept a civic position.

WILL ASSIST IN MUSICAL

Decatur Ladies Will Help Litterature

NEGRO HUGGER GETS BIG FINE

Got Too Affectionate With Two White Girls

SAM THRIFT LOSES BOTH LEGS

Sheriff's Brother Run Over By Vandalla Train at Midnight.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Where Limbs Were Amputated Below the Knees.

Sam Thrift, brother of Sheriff Charles Thrift, was run over in the Vandalla yards in the north part of the city last night and both legs were cut off below the knees. He was taken to St. Mary's hospital where he was operated on. One leg was taken off just below the knee and the other a little further down. The unfortunate man was otherwise injured. His chances of recovery last night seemed to rest with his strength to withstand the severe operation to which he was subjected.

Mr. Thrift is 38 years of age and has a wife and three sons and a daughter. It was not possible to learn a great deal regarding the accident last night. The Vandalla men were pushing a string of cars down the track and Mr. Thrift was standing between the rails. He had been seen there but it was thought that he was in between two cars. He was knocked down and run over. As soon as the accident was discovered the police headquarters were notified and the Kelly wagon was sent out to bring him to the hospital.

TREATY IS REPORTED

United States May Transact All of Santo Domingo's Business.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The treaty between the United States and the Dominican republic, under which the former undertakes to collect and disburse customs revenues of the latter was reported today by Senate Foreign Relations committee. The committee has approved the treaty and recommends its ratification. The treaty provides for the adjustment of claims against the republic of Santo Domingo under the supervision of the United States. The United States is authorized to preserve order and increase the efficiency of civil administration of the island.

NOW THEY WOULD RESIGN

Two Midshipmen After Reinstatement to Navy Preference for Civil Life.

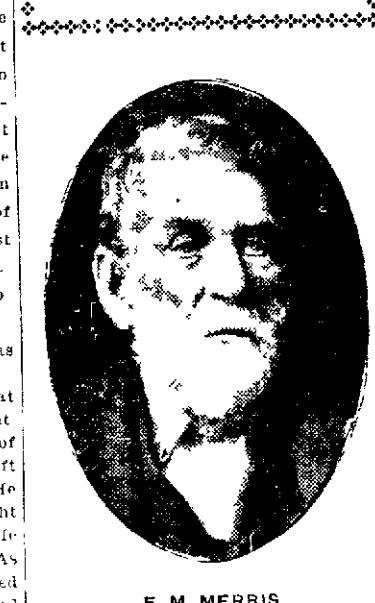
Washington, Feb. 28.—Midshipmen John H. Lofland and Paul W. Lofland, two of the three midshipmen dismissed from the naval academy for hazing and reinstated by special act of congress last year, have resigned from the service. That of Lofland has been accepted and the other is awaiting action by Secretary of the Navy. In both cases the reason given is dissatisfaction with service and preference for civil life. They are now serving on the Mississippi.

ANOTHER VICTIM DEAD

American Girl Said to Have Died as Result of Chinese Outbreak.

London, March 1.—The Mail's correspondent at Shanghai reports an American girl (The Quirus probably has arrived at Nanchang). On the same authority it is stated that Rev. H. C. Kingham's eldest daughter has died from the effects of a Chinese mob that killed her in Shanghai.

LATE E M MERRIS



E. M. Merris was born in Sangamon county, Ill., in 1843. With his parents he moved when quite young to Scott county, where he spent his boyhood and young manhood days. In 1862 he was married to Miss Nancy Vandung and they lived together almost sixty years. There was born to them a large family, eight of whom are living. They are Asa and John Merris, Mrs. John Armstrong and Mrs. Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Conubus of Indiana. Mrs. Merris of Henry, Oklahoma and M. C. Cool of Painesville, Mo. In 1885 they moved to Macomb county where he has lived since. Mr. Merris died Monday night Feb. 26 about midnight. His death was the result of a paralytic stroke.

SOME CHANGING IN SPELLING

National Educational Association Adopts a Reform Resolution.

TWELVE WORDS AFFECTED

And Scholars Shall Be Given Credit in Either Instance.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 28.—The department of superintendents of the National Educational Association today decided to hold their next annual meeting in Chicago. Officers elected were President—W. W. Stearns, state superintendent of a high school, Augusta, Me.; Vice President—H. C. Kelley, president of the Iowa State Normal school, Cedar Falls, Ia.; Secretary—J. H. Harris, superintendent of schools, Pontiac, Mich. There were four round table sessions during the day the most interesting perhaps being that at which was discussed the subject of reformed spelling. Upon motion of the Nebraska representative, the National Educational Association adopted a resolution that the department of superintendents make overtures to the National Educational Association to order that the twelve phonetic words be used in all its publications. Instead of the larger forms and that the department be recommended to urge that superintendents and teachers hereafter in appearing words in pupils' written work shall give credit for those words spelled after the style of the National Educational Association.

COMING BY THE THOUSANDS

Immigrants Are Pouring Into the United States

Pittsburg, Feb. 28.—What is said to be the record for a single day's arrivals of immigrants in this city was made today when nearly three thousand foreigners came to Pittsburg. The majority were Slavs and did work in mills and mines. Railroad officials said today that at present ships on the ocean bound for the United States contain 30,000 foreigners.

MORE RIOT AT SPRINGFIELD

Despite State Troops, Mobs Again Attack Negro Quarters.

ATTEMPT TO BURN HOUSES

Militia Seems At a Loss For Power to Quell the Riot.

Springfield, Ohio, Feb. 28.—With eight companies of state troops on guard in this city as a result of last night's mob violence, in which six houses were burned in the colored residence district, more incendiary fires were started early this morning in various parts of the city. In almost every instance houses were occupied by negroes.

The Flicker's nest inhabited by negroes and which figured in the Dixie mob and subsequent riot was two years ago has been assailed tonight and several attempts made to fire it but as it is guarded by militiamen efforts have so far failed. Several negroes who had been chased by angry whites from the negro quarter which is in charge of soldiers. Up to 10 o'clock last night the mob had burned two houses and stoned and partially demolished a dozen others all being inhabited by negroes. The militia chased rioters at the point of the bayonet. The house of Rev. John Scary, a negro preacher, was stoned and the family fled terror stricken from it. The mob then set fire to it but the prompt arrival of militia prevented its destruction. The homes of two other negroes were stoned with stones. A boy whose name is not known was shot in the leg. The militia have devoted their attention to the control of the mob and crowds leaving the police to look after the smaller end of the riot. Promiscuous and random shooting has been the feature tonight and has added to the general terror. Two negro women who jumped from the second stories of their homes when assailed by the mob were seriously hurt and were taken to the hospital.

MORE APPROPRIATIONS

Postoffice Department Gets Only a Little Measly \$192,000,000.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The sub house committee on postoffices and post roads which has been considering appropriations for the postoffice department practically completed a bill today fixing appropriations for the department at about \$192,000,000 or \$10,000,000 more than the last appropriation. This increase is designed to meet the increase in business of the department. The bill provides for sweeping changes in the department's methods and contains provision to prevent the shipment of anything but actual mail matter through the mails by the government.

SPECIAL AGENT ON STAND

E. D. Durand, For The Government Testifies in Packers' Case.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—E. D. Durand, special agent for the government was on the stand all day today in the hearing of the packers' plea for immunity and will continue his evidence tomorrow. He contradicted the evidence given by witnesses for the packers in several instances most notable being where he flatly denied the statement made by Arthur Meeker, general superintendent of Armour and company while on the stand. Meeker declared while a witness that he had answered all questions put to him by Durand and Durand said that he had heard Meeker testify to that effect, and then declared Meeker had not answered all the questions asked him. Durand also said he asked A. H. Veeder, general counsel for Swift and company and one of the men under indictment in the present case to give evidence in the case under investigation by Garfield under oath and that Veeder replied that he would do nothing of the kind for the reason it might destroy the chance of immunity for the packers. Late in the day Judge Humphreys, who had declared soon after court opened that he could not admit an evidence of letters that passed between Durand and Garfield during the investigation, altered his decision and admitted the letters.

SHUT OFF FREE SEED.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The house committee on agriculture today decided to vote 8 to 7 not to recommend any appropriation to buy seeds for free distribution by the agricultural department. This means a saving of about \$250,000 annually.

FATHER SICK.

Turnkey Marques went to Forsyth Wednesday to see his father, W. H. Marques, who is quite ill. His condition is not improved. He has suffered from asthma for some time past and is quite old. The fact that this world does not agree with you gives no certainty that the next one will.

PLAINTIFF WINS SUIT

S. B. Doyle Secures Verdict Against the Williams Brothers.

The case of S. B. Doyle vs. Williams Brothers Co. was tried Wednesday before Justice McCoy. The trial was by a jury composed of the following men: W. H. Wertz, Thomas Albers, J. J. Wertz, Thomas Baugarten, Hugh Trimmer and G. C. Moch. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for the sum of \$150. The plaintiff was represented by Attorneys O. C. Adams and R. E. Gray. Attorney M. C. Griffin represented the defendant.

\$1000 BOND

Will Hold Willie Ethridge Until the Next Grand Jury.

Will Ethridge, the boy who was arrested for breaking into the Vording residence was before Justice McCoy Wednesday and was bound over to await the action of the grand jury. His bond was placed at \$1,200, the charge being burglary and grand larceny. As Ethridge could not furnish bond he went to jail. Most of the property which he stole from the house was recovered. He had it concealed at his own residence.

FOR AN ADMINISTRATOR.

A petition was filed by Susan Nicholson in the county court asking for the appointment of an administrator for the estate of the late John Nicholson. The petition has not yet been acted upon.

YATES COMES ON MARCH 8

Ex-Governor Pays Decatur Visit On Next Thursday Evening.

Decatur is included in the itinerary of Ex-Governor Richard Yates for next week. He comes to Decatur on the evening of Thursday, March 8th. The governor was given out yesterday and the local republicans will be in making preparations to give him a fitting reception. Governor Yates is no stranger in this city. He has many warm personal friends and political friends and is known to the masses by reason of having frequently spoken in this city in his various campaigns. Decatur has never failed to give him a reception in keeping with his prominence in the high position that he has held and will not do so this time. It is quite certain that he will be greeted with a large audience and one that will give a close and respectful hearing. His present vigorous campaign has attracted much attention since its inception. The points which Governor Yates will visit during the coming week as announced from Springfield are as follows: MONDAY, March 5—Clinton in the morning, Bloomington in the afternoon and Peoria at night. TUESDAY, March 6—Watseka in the afternoon and Danville at night. WEDNESDAY, March 7—Tuscola in the morning, Paxton in the afternoon and Kanebakee at night. THURSDAY, March 8—Bement in the morning and Decatur at night. FRIDAY, March 10—At Galena in the afternoon and Savanna at night.

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